



Special Use Permit Request **2006 Waterfowl Hunting Season**

If you would like to receive a permit via U.S. Mail, please provide all information requested below. Print neatly, unreadable requests will be discarded. Allow 7-10 days for the permit to arrive. Permits will not be returned via FAX.

Hunter's Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Driver's License #: _____ State: _____

Hunting License #: _____

Will you be using a BOAT: YES NO
(please circle one)

Are you requesting a DISABLED PERMIT? YES NO
(please circle one)

MAIL REQUEST* TO:

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Attn: Duck Hunting Request
9500 Thornton Ave
Newark, CA 94560**

OR

FAX REQUEST* TO: 510/792-5828

* ALLOW 7-10 BUSINESS DAYS FOR A REPLY

Hunters are responsible for following all of the Special Conditions noted on the reverse of this permit application.

Special Conditions

1. Access to the subject ponds is only allowed on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays within the approved California waterfowl hunting season. Permittee must carry a copy of this permit with identification that includes a photograph (Drivers License) and valid hunting license with duck stamps while on the Refuge. Permittee can have up to two non-hunters accompany him/her with permit. All California state rules and regulations apply when hunting on Refuge property.
2. Hunting on Refuge Ponds AB1, A2E, AB2, A3N, and A3W will be from existing blinds only as outlined on Map 1.
3. Hunting on Refuge Ponds A5, A7, and A8 will be from existing blinds and limited sections of pond levees.
4. Vehicle access to Ponds AB1, A2E, AB2, A3N and A3W will be allowed on days that the road is drivable from either the Crittenden Lane Trailhead in Mountain View (See Map 2) and/or Carl Road Trailhead in Sunnyvale (See Map 3). Permittee can walk or bicycle along pond levees to their boat from vehicle parking areas. Vehicle access is allowed from the Gold Street Trailhead in Alviso for access to Ponds A5, A7 and A8 (See Map 4). Hunt area will be open for access at 12:01 a.m. on hunt days and closed one hour after hunt time. These areas will be closed to all access at all other times. Speed limit on all roads and trails is 15 mph. Use extreme caution while driving on trails, bridges and trailhead intersections as trail users are not expecting vehicles.
5. There is no access to the Bay or sloughs from Refuge property. Permittee can not access these ponds' levees from tidal areas. Permittee cannot use PG&E boardwalks or towers.
6. Permittee must shut and lock all gates behind them. If the Refuge lock with combination # ____ is not on the gate, no motor vehicle access is allowed that day.
7. Permittee must sign in at the hunter check in box each day by including their name, Refuge permit number, blind to be occupied that day and time of arrival. Permittee must sign out each day with time of departure and fill out RED card with number and species of waterfowl taken. Leave RED card at check out station in the box provided.
8. During the two weekends before the opening of the hunt season, Permittee is allowed to bring a boat in and moor it on Ponds AB1, A2E, AB2, A3N, A3W, A5, A7 and A8N. Permittee is allowed to bring in and remove boat on each hunt day. These boats will only be used to access the existing blinds
9. Permittee must remove these boats within 2 weeks following the close of the hunt season. Only non-motorized boats and motorized boats powered by electric or 4-stroke gasoline motors may be used.
10. Permittee may maintain an existing blind in the ponds open to hunting but the blind will be open for general use on a first-come, first-served basis. Pit blinds and digging into levees is prohibited.
11. Permittee must remove all decoys and other personal property (except boats, motors, oars and other boating equipment) from the refuge by one hour after shoot time ends. All trash including shotshell hulls must be removed from the Refuge.
12. Permittee may enter closed areas of the Refuge to retrieve downed birds provided they leave all weapons in a legal hunting area and/or blind. Permittees are encouraged to use retriever dogs. Dogs must be kept under immediate control of the handler at all times. Dogs must remain inside a vehicle or be on a leash until they are on the ponds or on the levees as a part of the hunt. Permittee may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field. Firearms must be kept unloaded until Permittee is within the designated hunt area.
13. The Disabled Blind may be reserved up to two weeks ahead of time by someone who has a Refuge Disabled Hunting Special Use Permit by calling 510/792-0222 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4 PM each weekday. To qualify for a Disabled Hunting Special Use Permit, the hunter must sign an affidavit swearing that he/she has a physical disability that severely impairs mobility (i.e.; has to use walker, wheelchair, leg cast). Only hunter's with a Disabled Hunting Special Use Permit and guests will be allowed to use ADA blinds. Any non-Disabled Special Use Permit hunters using ADA blind are subject to loss of all hunting privileges and potential fines.
14. Permittee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Cities of Mountain View, San Jose, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Mid-Peninsula Open Space District, and the Federal government, its agents, officers and employees from and against any and all claims (including, without limitation, claims for bodily injury, death or damage to property) demands, obligations, damages, actions, causes of action, suits, losses, judgments, fines, penalties, liabilities, cost and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs) (collectively "Claim") of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise from or in any manner relate (directly or indirectly) to use of and access to property for the hunting of migratory game birds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall be construed to require the Permittee to indemnify these parties from any Claim arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of these parties.